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CHAPTER 11  
GENERAL INFORMATION

1 PURPOSE

This Departmental Manual Chapter established the Certification and Accreditation (C&A) methodology within USDA. Specifically it creates C&A policy and a standard process with general tasks to certify and accredit Information Technology (IT) systems supporting USDA's mission.

2 CANCELLATION

This Departmental Manual chapter will be in effect until superseded.

3 REFERENCES

E-Government Act of 2002, Pub. L. No. 107-347, 44 U.S.C. 3531 et seq., Title III, Federal Information Security Management Act (FISMA);

Privacy Act, as Amended, 5 U.S.C. 552a;

USDA Privacy Act Implementation, 7 C.F.R. 11 et seq;

OMB Circular A-130, Appendix III, Security of Federal Automated Information Resources;

NIST Special Publication 800-18, Guide for Developing Security Plans for Information Technology Systems;

NIST Special Publication 800-30, Risk Management Guide for Information Technology Systems;

NIST Special Publication 800-37, Guidelines for the Security Certification and Accreditation of Federal Information Technology Systems; and

Cyber Security Manual, DM 3500.

#### 4 SCOPE

This manual applies to all USDA agencies, programs, teams, organizations, appointees, employees and other activities.

#### 5 ABBREVIATIONS

See USDA Certification and Accreditation Guide, Appendix A – Acronyms, Table A-2

#### 6 DEFINITIONS AND TERMS

See USDA Certification and Accreditation Guide, Appendix A – Glossary of Terms, A-1